Education. Employment and unemployment.

"(E)(i) Individuals ineligible for the Project who are members of a household including a participating family shall have their eligibility for the food stamp program determined and have their benefits calculated and issued following the standards established under the food stamp program, except as provided differently in this subparagraph.

"(ii) The State agency shall determine such individuals' eligibility for benefits under the food stamp program and the amount of such benefits without regard to the participating family.

"(iii) In computing such individuals' income for purposes of determining eligibility (under section 5(c)(D)) and benefits, the State agency shall apply the maximum excess shelter expense deduction specified under section 5(e).

"(iv) Such individuals' monthly allotment shall be the higher of $10 or 75 percent of the amount calculated following the standards of the food stamp program and the foregoing requirements of this subparagraph, rounded to the nearest lower whole dollar.

"(4) The Project shall include education, employment, and training services equivalent to those offered under the employment and training program described in section 6(d)(4) to families similar to participating families elsewhere in the State.

Communications and telecommunications. Mail. Aged persons. Handicapped persons.

"(5) The State may select families for participation in the Project through submission and approval of an application for participation in the Project or by assigning to the Project families that are determined eligible for or

are participating in the program authorized by part A of title IV of the Social Security Act or the food stamp program.

"(6) Whenever selection for participation in the Project is accomplished through submission and approval of an application for the Project—

"(A) the State shall promptly determine eligibility for the Project and issue assistance to eligible families, retroactive to the date of application, not later than thirty days following the family's filing of an application;

"(B) in the case of families determined ineligible for the Project upon application, the application for the Project shall be deemed an application for the food stamp program, and benefits under the food stamp program shall be issued to those found eligible following the standards established under the food stamp program;

"(C) expedited benefits shall be provided under terms no more restrictive than under paragraph (9) of section 11(e) and the laws of Minnesota and shall include expedited issuance of designated food assistance provided through the Project or expedited benefits through the food stamp program;

"(D) each individual who contacts the State in person during office hours to make what may reasonably be interpreted as an oral or written request to receive financial assistance shall receive and shall be permitted to file an application form on the same day such contact is first made;

"(E) provision shall be made for telephone contact by, mail delivery of forms to and mail return of forms by, and subsequent home or telephone interview with, elderly individuals, physically or mentally handicapped individ-